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Appln. No. : Not Yet Assigned) Group Art Unit 3618
 (Continuation of No. 09/835,638)) (Anticipated)
) Examiner Not Yet Known
Docket No. : P24979)
Customer No. : 7055)
Filed : Concurrently Herewith)
Title : BINDING FOR RETAINING A BOOT ON)
 A GLIDING OR ROLLING APPARATUS)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for his or her consideration during the examination of the instant application.

The following two documents are brought to the attention of the Examiner as being pertinent for having been cited by Applicant in the parent application (No. 09/835,638) in an information disclosure statement filed on July 17, 2001:

European Pat. Pub. No. 0 958 846 (HUNZIKER), published November 24, 1999;

French Pat. Pub. No. 2 774 302 (SALOMON S.A.), published August 6, 1999.

Copies of EP '846 and FR '302, as well as English language abstracts of EP '846 and FR '302, were filed in the aforementioned parent application.

The six documents listed below are brought to the attention of the Examiner as being pertinent for having been cited by the Examiner in the aforementioned parent application (No. 09/835,638) in an Office action dated August 15, 2002:

- U.S. Patent No. 5,609,347 (DRESSEL), issued on March 11, 1997;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,758,895 (BUMGARNER), issued on June 2, 1998;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,765,853 (ERB), issued on June 16, 1998;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,782 476 (FARDIE), issued on July 21, 1998;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,250,651 (REUSS et al.), issued on June 26, 2001; and
- U.S. Patent No. 6,390,492 (BUMGARNER), issued on May 21, 2002.

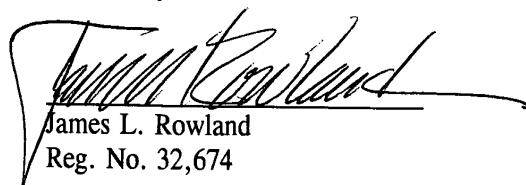
In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609, because copies of the documents cited above are available in the aforementioned parent application, new copies are not attached hereto. Of course, should the Examiner request, Applicant will promptly file such copies.

Each of the documents is listed on one of the attached PTO-1449 form to permit the Examiner to indicate his or her consideration thereof.

The Examiner is requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the listings on the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the initialled form to Applicant.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

Respectfully submitted,
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